

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 23, 1896.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. HANSBROUGH, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 5279.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5279) granting a pension to Jerusha H. Brown, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives hereto appended is adopted, and the passage of the bill is recommended.

HOUSE REPORT.

A similar bill was before your committee at the second session of the Fifty-third Congress and was reported favorably. The report of the committee (House Report No. 1458, Fifty-third Congress), fully setting forth the facts, is adopted by your committee as their report, and the bill is returned with a favorable recommendation.

[House Report No. 1458, Fifty-third Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7267) granting a pension to Jerusha H. Brown, have considered the same and report as follows:

The claimant is the daughter of Samuel Hayward, who served for a year and four months in Captains Bliss and Dana's companies in the Connecticut Line, war of the Revolution. The service is a matter of record, and the soldier and his widow, Sarah Hayward, were pensioners during their lifetime.

The testimony of Samuel Pennock, Mary J. Patterson, Nathan S. Young, and F. L. Young establishes the identity of the claimant as the only surviving child of the soldier. These witnesses knew Samuel Hayward in his lifetime and were acquainted with the members of his family. Jerusha H. Brown, the beneficiary, is a member of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and a copy of a certificate of her membership in that organization is on file with the papers.

The testimony further shows that the claimant is 71 years old, without property or income, and a sufferer from rheumatism to such an extent that she can do no manual labor, and that she is dependent on others for a livelihood.

There are several precedents for the allowance of pensions to the aged and dependent daughters of Revolutionary soldiers—one of them (the case of Hannah Lyons) having become a law at this session of Congress—and in the light of the facts set forth above your committee return the bill with the recommendation that it do pass.